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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders, USAR Major Subordinate Commands

SUBJECT: Policy Letter - Changing Terminology (Battle Assembly/Assemblies)

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to introduce and clarify the term Battle Assembly/Assemblies as part of the mindset and cultural change taking place within the Army Reserve. Effective immediately, the term Battle Assembly/Assemblies will be used in lieu of the terms Unit Training Assembly (UTA), Multiple Unit Training Assemblies (MUTAs) or "weekend drills" as used in Army Regulation 135-200, Active Duty for Missions, Projects, and Training for Reserve Component Soldiers, 30 Jun 99 and anchored in 10 U.S.C. 10147 and DOD Instruction 1215.19, dated 12 Dec 00.
2. In peacetime, armies change slowly and deliberately. Today, that measured approach to change will not suffice for the Army Reserve at war. In short, change in this time of war must deal simultaneously with both current and future Army Reserve needs. To facilitate this end and break the historical mold of "weekend drills" and their preoccupation with administrative duties, the term Battle Assembly/Assemblies will be used to reflect my intent for Army Reserve training to focus intensively on mission related Mission Essential Task List training and training of Soldiers as warriors who are proficient and competent in warrior tasks.
3. Commanders, program managers and action officers are directed to ensure that the term Battle Assembly/Assemblies is incorporated into appropriate regulations, policies, procedures and documents during their normal revision cycle.
4. For additional information, contact COL William W. Hamilton, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-7, at (404) 464-8401.


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